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Subject: Massachusetts Public Records Law Request: Recreational marijuana dispensary municipal approval (City of Cambridge - Public Records Access Officer)
Date: Wednesday, January 30, 2019 2:42:00 PM

City of Cambridge - Public Records Access Officer
PRL Office
795 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02139

January 30, 2019

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the Massachusetts Public Records Law, I hereby request the following records:

A copy of all files and communications relating to marijuana retailers' applications to begin selling recreational marijuana in Somerville, Cambridge or Boston from 2016-2019. In particular, I am looking for city guidelines and zoning ordinances related to the sale of recreational marijuana, and for communications regarding the approval of licensed recreational dispensaries or any obstacles to their approval (zoning issues, etc.)

I am also specifically looking for files and communications regarding Sira Naturals, the first retailer to have its recreational license approved (<https://boston.cbslocal.com/2018/06/21/recreational-marijuana-vote-massachusetts-sira-naturals/>), and any issues the company has had with municipalities that have caused a delay in the approval of its recreational sales.

I request that I be properly classified as a news media requester. I am an intern for MuckRock, and I am requesting this information in that editorial capacity. MuckRock is widely known for its investigative work as well as historical pieces based on public records requests.

I also request that, if appropriate, fees be waived as we believe this request is in the public interest, as suggested but not stipulated by the recommendations of the Massachusetts Supervisor of Public Records. The requested documents will be made available to the general public free of charge as part of the public information service at MuckRock.com, processed by a representative of the news media/press and is made in the process of news gathering and not for commercial usage.

I expect the request to be filled in an accessible format, including for screen readers, which provide text-to-speech for persons unable to read print. Files that are not accessible to screen readers include, for example, .pdf image files as well as physical documents.

In the event that there are fees, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 10 business days, as the statute requires.

Sincerely,

Liam Knox

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